

Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A

Present: Larry Neal/Chairman, Alan MacMillan, Rob Claypool, MaryAnn Lash, Mel Michaels/Associate Member, Bailey Coates/Student Member, Andrea Nichols/ Secretary, GERALYN Falco/Conservation Agent. The Rockport Conservation Commission (RCC) is a five member volunteer board. Four voting members are present.

Absent: Charlie Allen, David McKinnon/Associate Member

Citizen Inquiries:

Lars Andreas (UMass Boston) – is studying sediments in three South End ponds (Henry's Pond, Cape Hedge Pond, Loblolly Cove Pond) as it relates to shoreline change; wants permission to use ground-penetrating radar and obtain core samples of sediment in each pond; expects to accomplish this in February. RCC requires written request; can only give permission for town-owned property (only 1 pond is wholly town-owned); suggests speaking with DPW; requests that he send his study results to RCC.

Agent Falco – reports seawall repair request from Toad Hall; is maintenance activity to chink holes caused by ocean activity; expects to receive letter from contractor before work begins.

Minutes:

01/17/15: Mr. MacMillan moves to approve minutes as written; Chairman Neal seconds. Vote 4:0.

New Hearings

RDA 15-01, Kevin Lee, 283 Granite Street (Map 8/Lot 32). *Erect a Quonset hut within 100' of Bordering Vegetated Wetland.* Kevin Lee is present and makes presentation; explains that structure will be temporary to store his motorcycle and tools; closest point to wetland is ten feet. RCC has concern about floor of the structure disturbing 25' No-Disturb Zone. Mr. MacMillan moves to close hearing; Chairman Neal seconds. Vote 4:0. Mr. Claypool moves to issue a negative determination, category number 3 with conditions; Chairman Neal seconds. Vote 3:1. **Hearing is closed. The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved**

Continued Hearings

NOI 62-0704, Barbara Sternfeld, 6 Calebs Lane (Map 22/Lot 205). *Construct bluestone terrace and stone retaining wall within 100' of Bordering Vegetated Wetland.* Nobody is present because meeting was continued for DEP number only. Mr. MacMillan moves to close hearing; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 4:0. **Hearing is closed. The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

Review Orders of Conditions:

NOI 62-0703, Barbara Sternfeld, 6 Caleb's Lane (Map 22/Lot 205). Chairman Neal moves to issue OC as written; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0.

Other Business

- Student Associate Member's midterm report – Ms. Coates makes well-thought out presentation and RCC commends her.
- Rockport Flood & Resilience Checklist – was sent out.
- MACC Annual Conference (bring sign up paperwork to this meeting)
- Other Business/Announcements: Chairman Neal moves to add following discussion items to agenda, Mr. MacMillan seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. MacMillan, Mr. Claypool, Mrs. Lash, Chairman Neal.
 - Finances and CPC – Mr. Mr. Michaels spoke with CIPC and reports that it has voted not to allocate \$300K for proposed land acquisition; BOS generally agree with CIPC recommendations; BOS did not meet in Executive Session and it probably will not pass issue; suggests alternatives: 1) ask for \$300K from CPC, or 2) put entire \$500K from CTF and ask for \$100K from CPC. Mr. Claypool suggests he go to BOS meeting and ask if RCC puts up \$500K will town be interested. RCC agree that special meeting be held January 28, 2015 at Town Hall Annex).

Chairman Neal moves to adjourn the meeting; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 4:0.

9: 11 PM

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